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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

Applicant has received an office action with a mailing date of January 31, 2000.

This paper is intended to be fully responsive to each of the points made by the Examiner
 in the office action.

Amendment "B"A. In the Claims: Please amend claims 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 as follows.

Sub 13 13. (once amended) A valve plug head [retainer] assembly comprising:

- (A) a means for holding a valve plug head to a valve plug stem, wherein said means for holding further comprises a plug head band made of a ductile material; and
- (B) a means for fastening said means for holding to said valve plug stem.

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